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Yes on the sign on letter – I can handle that piece. We have a call with SPB to discuss further on Thursday -- to see what other efforts are underway on this front. Angel will join that call.

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I assume we want to sign, and to issue something via social media to condemn, yes?

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September 25, 2018
Washington, D.C.

"Public Charge" Rule Change Against Conference of Mayors Policy

In Boston, at our 86th Annual Meeting, recognizing that the federal government was considering change its "public charge" rules, our member mayors adopted clear policy stating that the federal government of changing the public charge rules and further, the mayors voted language, "The United States Conference of Mayors calls on the Administration to drop any expansion to the 'public charge' rule that would punish immigrants acquiring non-cash benefits that are designed to help families succeed and thrive in the United States, becoming contributing members of our communities as they have for generations."

On September 22, the Department of Homeland Security announced their new proposed immigration rule going against our USCM policy. In the coming weeks, the proposed rule will be effectively published in the Federal Registrar, allowing public comment.

These changes would penalize lower-income immigrant families in denying them visas and green cards because they have received vital non-cash benefits to which they are legally entitled.

[Conference President Columbia \(SC\) Mayor Steve Benjamin issued a statement on Sunday. Click here to read it.](#)

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti also issued a statement where he labeled the federal government's proposed rule to be the Administration's "latest assault on families. [Click here to read his statement.](#)

Many members have registered their deep concern on this issue. We are in the process of formulating a sign-on letter for mayors to formally register their opposition to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Neilson and requests that she abandon the Administration's proposal now. Stay tuned for the sign-on letter to be sent to you for signing. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Laura Waxman on my staff at lwaxman@usmayors.org.

President Trump Says Absolute "No" on Puerto Rico Statehood, Citing Reason That San Juan Mayor Yulín Cruz is "Bad" and "Incompetent"

President Donald Trump, on the eve of his address to the United Nations, has taken another swipe and attack on San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz. His latest targeted hit came when Geraldo Rivera in a press interview asked him if he favored statehood for Puerto Rico. Said President Trump, "With the mayor of San Juan as bad as she is and as incompetent as she is, Puerto Rico shouldn't be talking about statehood until they get some people that really know what they're doing."

The Governor of Puerto Rico, Ricardo Rossello, an advocate of statehood said

about the President's remarks, "The President said he is not in favor of statehood based on his personal feud with a local mayor. This is an insensitive, disrespectful comment to our 3 million Americans who live in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico."

He also went on step further and commented and questioned how the President could be at the United Nations' General Assembly promoting democracy around the world while "in his own home there is the oldest and most populated colonial system in the world."

Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz responded on Twitter, "Trump is again accusing me of telling the truth. Now he says there will be no statehood because of me."

Observers have noted that President Trump seems to be preoccupied with Puerto Rico and especially his name calling and charges against our San Juan Mayor. When Hurricane Florence was about to hit the Carolinas, Mayor Yulín Cruz was kind enough to call Conference President Columbia (SC) Mayor Steve Benjamin to offer her assistance to his city of Columbia.

Here's a Fact.

San Juan produced the first Hispanic President of the United States Conference of Mayors, Dr. Hernan Padilla in 1984.

San Juan was the site and gracious host of the United States Conference of Mayors' Annual Meeting in 1986 and that was the year that then-Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. accepted the gavel to be the President of the United States Conference of Mayors.

Tom

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